GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UGC
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has asked all the Universities to harvest rainwater;

(b) if so, whether UGC propose to give financial assistance to the Universities for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether UGC has asked 150 Universities to get in touch with the Central Ground Water Board for this purpose;

(e) if so, the response of these Universities thereto; and

(f) the financial assistance likely to be provided and other facilities considered by UGC to Universities who opt to harvest water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has proposed togive financial assistance to the Universities for rainwater harvesting projects. The quantum of assistance will be determined on the basis of the recommendations of the Central Ground Water Board.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): So far, the following universities have shown their interest in taking up the rainwater harvesting projects:-

i) Sambalpur University, Sambalpur
ii) Cochin University of Science & Technology, Cochin
iii) Nagaland University
iv) Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
v) Kannada University, Hampi
vi) Kuvempu University, Karnataka
vii) Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

The Commission is awaiting response from other universities.

(f): The quantum of financial assistance has not yet been finalised. It may vary from university to university depending on the recommendations of the Central Ground Water Board.